

## House Resolution No. 139

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Honorable William J. “Bill” Deeken, an esteemed resident of Jefferson City, Missouri, who has distinguished himself as the proud recipient of the St. Peter School Outstanding Alumni Award, which honors graduates of St. Peter School for outstanding service, leadership, and accomplishments in church, civic, or community activities and/or professional achievement; and

**Whereas**, a lifelong resident of Cole County who graduated from St. Peter School and Helias High School, Bill Deeken was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in November 2002, since which time he has been successful in his efforts to pass important legislation and to make the needs and concerns of the constituents of the 114th District his top priority; and

**Whereas**, prior to his election to the Missouri State Legislature, Bill Deeken served as Cole County Clerk for twelve years, during which time he brought harmony to the Cole County Courthouse and worked to improve voter registration by appearing at schools and public places, and making sure that the homebound and disabled could vote by absentee ballot; and

**Whereas**, Bill Deeken is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Special Olympics, Capital Region Hospital, Eagles Club Aerie 2693, Helias Booster Club, United Way, Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau, Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce, Cole County Republican Club, Jefferson City Host Lions Club, Meals on Wheels, Crossroads of Central Missouri, and the Missouri County Clerks Association, just to name a few; and

**Whereas**, Bill Deeken is a lifelong member of St. Peter Catholic Church, where he has glorified the Lord as an Usher, Lector, and member of the Parish Council; St. Peter Capital Improvement Building Foundation; and the Men’s Holy Name Society; and

**Whereas**, Bill Deeken has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Irene; his three children, Jim Deeken, Debbie Lehman, and Jolene Struebbe; and his ten grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bill Deeken upon his most worthy receipt of the St. Peter School Outstanding Alumni Award, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Honorable William J. “Bill” Deeken.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mark J. Bruns  
District No. 113

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 139, adopted January 21, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker